

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS***Double patenting***

The Examiner has rejected claims 52-72 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 16-19, 23, 31-33 and 36 of U.S. Patent 6,642,760. Applicants filed a terminal disclaimer on May 5, 2004 to overcome these rejections. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (360) 379-6514. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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